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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Rokoczy, P.E. et al. : Group Art Unit: #5a  
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For: **HYALURONIC ACID AS DNA CARRIER FOR GENE THERAY AND VEGF  
 ANTISENSE DNA TO TREAT ABNORMAL RETINAL VASCULARIZATION**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington DC 20231

Sir/Madam:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the above identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1, without prejudice, and substitute therefor the following claims.

--59. A composition, comprising

a nucleic acid comprising a polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of a polynucleotide which is anti-sense to a target polynucleotide and/or a sense polynucleotide encoding a protein;

an adjuvant selected from the group consisting of hyaluronic acid and derivatives thereof; and

a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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60. The composition of claim 59, wherein the nucleic acid comprises a polynucleotide which is anti-sense to a target polynucleotide.